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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 8P

MURKIN.

RE LA TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWELVE INSTANT, LA TELEPHONE CALL TO SAC ATLANTA INSTANT.

RE: INTERVIEW OF JAY VERNON.

VERNON LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT [redacted] VERNON HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY [redacted] SINCE APRIL THREE LAST AND EXHIBITED TO THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS HIS IDENTIFICATION CARD FROM [redacted] HE ADVISED HE OPERATED THE HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING COMPANY, FIVE TWO EIGHT ZERO HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD FROM JANUARY SIXTEEN LAST, THROUGH MARCH TWENTY THREE LAST. HE STATED GALT WAS A REGULAR CUSTOMER TO THE LAUNDRY AND HE CAME IN EACH SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE FIRST TIME HE SAW GALT WAS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY TWENTY, LAST. THE LAST TIME HE RECALLS SEEING

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GALT WAS ON SATURDAY, MARCH SIXTEEN LAST. HE STATED GALT ALWAYS CAME INTO THE STORE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND LEFT A BUNDLE OF LAUNDRY, USUALLY UNDERWEAR AND SHIRTS AND PICKED UP THE LAUNDRY WHICH HE LEFT ON THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY.

VERNON WAS SHOWN A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE T-SHIRT AND SHORTS WHICH WERE FOUND IN THE APARTMENT IN MEMPHIS. HE STATED THE SHORTS WERE SIMILAR TO THE ONES WHICH GALT ORDINARILY WORE AND SAID THE SIZE OF THE SHIRT MATCHED THE SIZE OF GALT. HE COULD NOT STATE FOR SURE WHETHER OR NOT THE TWO PIECES OF UNDERWEAR BELONGED TO GALT.

VERNON IDENTIFIED THE LAUNDRY MARKING ON THE UNDERWEAR AS BEING SIMILAR TO THE MARK USED AT HIS LAUNDRY.

VERNON DOES NOT KNOW GALT BY HIS FIRST NAME; HOWEVER, ENTRIES IN THE LAUNDRY BOOK WHICH WERE OBTAINED FROM VERNON INDICATE THAT GALT'S FIRST NAME WAS GIVEN TO THE LAUNDRY AS ERIC. VERNON STATED GALT USUALLY WORE BERMUDA SHORTS, A SPORTS SHIRT WITH A T-SHIRT UNDERNEATH WHEN HE CAME INTO THE STORE. HE SAID THAT GALT NEVER WORE GLASSES NOR DID HE EVER OBSERVE HIM TO HAVE SUNGLASSES IN HIS POSSESSION. VERNON COULD NOT RECALL WHAT TYPE OF FOOTWEAR GALT WORE WHEN HE CAME INTO THE STORE. VERNON NEVER OBSERVED GALT DRIVING A VEHICLE, NOR DID HE EVER MEET GALT IN ANY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANTS OR BARS. GALT NEVER GAVE AN ADDRESS TO VERNON OR

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ANY OF THE OTHER EMPLOYEES AT THE LAUNDRY.

VERNON DESCRIBED GALT AS A WHITE MALE, FORTY TO FORTY FIVE YEARS, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE POUNDS TO ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, GREYING DARK BROWN HAIR. HAIR WAS CUT NEAT, SOMEWHAT LIKE BUSHY FLATTOP AND A WIDE FOREHEAD. VERNON NEVER NOTICED ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT GALT'S SPEECH, AND STATED HE WOULD ASSUME THAT GALT WOULD COME FROM THE CALIFORNIA AREA AS HE HAD NO NOTICIBLE REGIONAL ACCENT.

VERNON WAS EXHIBITED THE TWO COMPOSITES FURNISHED BY THE BUREAU. HE STATED THAT THE EYES, NOSE AND CHIN ON THE COMPOSITE FURNISHED FROM MEMPHIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE COMPOSITE OF BIRMINGHAM. IF THIS WERE DONE, THE COMPOSITE AS FURNISHED BY BIRMINGHAM WOULD BE A BETTER LIKENESS OF GALT.

VERNON SAID GALT ALWAYS PAID FOR HIS LAUNDRY IN CASH USING BILLS IN TEN AND TWENTY DOLLAR DENOMINATIONS. GALT NEVER MENTIONED TO VERNON WHERE HE WORKED.

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT.

RECORDS OF U. S. POST OFFICE, LOS FELIZ STATION, LOS ANGELES REFLECT FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR ERIC GAULT FROM ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO TO FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD. RECORDS OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., REFLECT THAT ERIC S. GALT STAYED AT THE HOTEL IN ROOM FOUR ZERO

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THREE FROM JANUARY TWO ONE LAST AND CHECKED OUT ON MARCH ONE SEVEN LAST. EXECUTED U. S. POST OFFICE CHANGE OF ADDRESS ORDER STATING HIS FORWARDING ADDRESS WOULD BE GENERAL DELIVERY, MAIN POST OFFICE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON TEMPORARY BASIS UNTIL APRIL TWO FIVE NEXT. NO TELEPHONE IN ROOM.

HOTEL MANAGER, ALAN O. THOMPSON DESCRIBED GALT AS BETWEEN THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY YEARS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, SLENDER, DARK EYES, DARK BROWN HAIR SLIGHTLY GREYING AT TEMPLES PARTED LEFT SIDE THEN COMBED BACK. NEVER OBSERVED GALT DRIVING A CAR. STATED GALT RECEIVED PROBABLY ONE PERSONAL LETTER A WEEK BUT DOESN'T RECALL ORIGIN. THOMPSON DID NOT KNOW OF ANY EMPLOYMENT FOR GALT.

ROBERT KEELEY, HOTEL CLERK. ST. FRANCIS HOTEL STATED THAT HE BELIEVES GALT ON FEBRUARY TWO ONE LAST USED A BUSINESS CHECK AND CASH IN PAYING HIS RENT ON THAT DATE WHICH CHECK WAS FOR APPROXIMATELY FORTY DOLLARS AND HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN THE MAIL.

REVIEW OF MICRO FILM RECORDS AT [redacted] LA. DISCLOSED CHECK NUMBER ONE ONE SIX EIGHT EIGHT FOUR FROM TREASURER, PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, UNION BANK, LOS ANGELES, FOR TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY FIVE CENTS PAYABLE TO ERIC GALT CARE OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LA. THIS CHECK WAS ENDORSED BY GALT ON FEBRUARY TWO ONE LAST AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL IN PAYING MONTHLY RENT OF EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS.

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HYMEN BECKMAN, CHEVRON SERVICE STATION, ONE FIVE ZERO SIX NORTH NORMANDIE AVE., LA, INTERVIEWED AND CONFIRMED WORK DONE ON GALT'S WHITE MUSTANG. GALT PAID IN CASH. GAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO RESIDENCE ADDRESS. BACKMAN DESCRIBED GALT AS TWENTY EIGHT TO THIRTY YEARS OLD, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, STOOPED, NEAT CLEAN SHAVEN, DRESSED IN SPORT SHIRT AND SLACKS.

DALE DYKEMA, TRUSTEE OF APARTMENT AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, AND VERA BERNHARDT EXHIBITED COMPOSITES OF UNSUB AND BOTH THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME SIMILARITIES IN EACH BUT NEITHER COULD MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ALL RESIDENTS AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, WHERE GALT RESIDED INTERVIEWED WITH EXCEPTION OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS NOT AVAILABLE. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED. PERSONS WHO HAVE MOVED FROM APARTMENT BEING LOCATED FOR INTERVIEW. INTERVIEWS TO BE CONDUCTED WITH REMAINDER OF PRESENT TENANTS.

LORRAINE NORMA VERNON, [redacted], WIFE OF JAY WALLIS VERNON, WHO RESIDES [redacted] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. [redacted] SHE SAID NAME ERIC GALT ENTIRELY UNFAMILIAR TO HER. COMPOSITE PHOTOS OF HIM EXHIBITED AND SHE DOES NOT RECALL EVER SEEING HIM AT HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY

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RUN BY HER HUSBAND IN HOLLYWOOD, ALTHOUGH SHE SAID SHE DID WORK THERE PART TIME ON SOME SATURDAYS WHILE HUSBAND OPERATED LAUNDRY.

MRS. FRANK (MARGARITA) POWERS, [redacted] FORMER MANAGER SERRANO APARTMENTS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. RECALLS ERIC GALT CAME TO SERRANO APTS. SEEKING APARTMENT ON RAINY NOVEMBER DAY SIXTY SEVEN ANSWERING POSTED SIGN NOTING VACANCY. SHE HAD NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE. WAS SHOWN BACHELOR APARTMENT (NUMBER SIX ON FIRST FLOOR) WHICH HE TOOK IMMEDIATELY. HE PAID HER IN CASH, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS, COVERING RENT, CLEANING FEE AND KEY DEPOSIT.

MRS. POWERS NEVER SAW HIM HAVE ANY VISITORS, NOR DID HE HAVE ANYONE LIVING WITH HIM TO HER KNOWLEDGE. WAS QUIET AND TALKED TO NO OTHER TENANTS. DOES NOT RECALL HIM EVER USING SWIMMING POOL. DROVE SMALL WHITE CAR WITH PLATES OTHER THAN CALIFORNIA. PARKED CAR IN BASEMENT GARAGE AND USUALLY WALKED TO NEARBY STORES.

SHE MADE AVAILABLE BOOK OF RECEIPT STUBS COVERING RENT FOR PERIOD MAY ONE THROUGH NOVEMBER TWENTY FIVE LAST; IN WHICH WAS STUB MADE OUT BY HER DATED NOVEMBER NINETEEN LAST IN FAVOR OF ERIC GALT COVERING ABOVE DESCRIBED PAYMENT, WITH ADDITIONAL NOTATION OF PAYMENT OF TEN DOLLARS FOR UTILITIES DATED NOVEMBER TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

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MRS. POWERS DESCRIBED GALT AS ADULT MALE CAUCASIAN, AGE IN THIRTIES, HEIGHT FIVE FEET NINE TO ELEVEN, AVERAGE BUILD, LIGHT BLUE EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR WITH SOME GREY, CLEAN SHAVEN, LIGHT COMPLEXION, STRAIGHT NOSE, WELL DRESSED AND "GOOD LOOKING."

SHE AND HER HUSBAND MOVED FROM APARTMENT DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST. GALT STILL RESIDING SERRANO APARTMENTS AT TIME. SHE DID NOT KNOW [redacted] OR [redacted] RECEIPT BOOK SHOWS PAYMENTS FOR ONE [redacted] FOR PERIOD MAY EIGHTEEN THROUGH JUNE ELEVEN LAST FOR APT. SIX, WHICH TIME WAS PRIOR TO TIME POWERS MANAGED BUILDING.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN LOS ANGELES TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE EMPLOYMENT, ASSOCIATES, AND ACTIVITY WITH VIEW TO ASCERTAINING WHEREABOUTS.

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